Grant of suo-moto pension to freedom fighters

4598. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many freedom fighters have been sanctioned suo-moto pension so far and how many of them have declined the offer;

(b) whether Government are considering proposals for suo-moto grant of pension; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the norms prescribed for such grant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) 16 of the 287 freedom fighters who have been offered the freedom fighters' pension on suo-moto basis by the Central Government so far have declined the offer.

(b) and (c) Government keep on receiving proposals for grant of pension to freedom fighters on suo-motu basis from time to time. Such proposals are considered and a decision regardig grant of pension on suo-motu basis or otherwise is taken keeping in view the duration and nature of suffering undergone, and the contribution made by such freedom fighters during the freedom struggle.

In filtration of ISI agents through Atari Border

4599. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Pakistani ISI agents enter the country because of lack of vigilance at the Atari border near Amritsar in Punjab.

(b) whether such ISI agents have spread far and wide in the country, especially in the Northern States; and

(c) if so, the reasons for improper arrangements to check infiltration of ISI agents through Atari border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) No such incident has come to the notice of the Government. However, Government is aware of Pakistan ISI's involvement in providing moral and material support to various terrorist outfits operating in the country. The measures taken by the Government of India include fencing and flood lighting of vulnerable stretches of Indo-Pak border, reducing the distance between BOPs, increasing the number of patrols/nakas, erection of OP Towers, intensification of border patrolling, supply of various sophisticated equipments for effective observation during day and night, gearing up of intelligence machinery, strengthening of BSF etc.

विदेशी नागरिकों की पहचान

4600. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान देश के विभिन्न भागों, विशेष रूप से राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र में अवैध रूप से रह रहे विदेशी नागरिकों की पहचान के लिए सरकार द्वारा उठाए गए कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) उपरोक्त अवधि के दौरान कुल कितने विदेशी नागरिकों की पहचान की गई और वापस उनके देश भेजा गया तथा तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) विदेशी नागरिकों की शिनाख्त की जाती है तथा उनके खिलाफ विदेशी नागरिक अधिनियम, 1946, तथा विदेशी (न्यायाधिकरण) आदेश, 1964, के प्रावधानो के तहत कार्यवाही की जाती है जोकि सभी राज्यों और संघ शासित क्षेत्रों पर लागू होते